



# Before you go...

## BE PREPARED

**PLAN AHEAD** when heading into the backcountry. Start with a full gas tank and carry extra food, clothing, and water. Tell friends where you are going and for how long. Don't travel or hike alone.

**ROADS** within the Monument are mostly dirt, clay, or gravel. Dirt surface roads are subject to flooding and impassable when wet. High clearance four-wheel-drive vehicles are recommended. Please inquire at visitor centers for road conditions. Leave gates open or closed as you find them. Respect private property.

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## BE INFORMED

**HIKING/BACKPACKING** opportunities are predominantly along undeveloped trails. The ideal seasons to hike are spring and fall.

**GROUP SIZE** is limited to 25 persons for most areas along the main roadways within the interior of the Monument. Along backcountry trails, the group size limit is 12. For larger groups, contact the visitor centers.

**OVERNIGHT PERMITS** are required within the Monument for all overnight car camping or backpacking. Permits are free of charge and may be obtained at any of our visitor centers or developed trailheads.

**CAMPING** sites within the Monument are mostly undeveloped. Camp in areas previously disturbed. Do not camp at trailheads or disturb vegetation. Pack out what you pack in and use human waste sanitation devices. Calf Creek, Deer Creek, and White House are developed campgrounds.

**CAMPFIRES** in developed campgrounds are allowed only in fire grates, fire pits, or fire pans. Campfires are not allowed below the rims in the Escalante Canyons, Paria/Hackberry Canyons, or on No Mans Mesa. Campfires are prohibited in archaeological sites, rock shelters, or alcoves Monument-wide. Wood collection is prohibited in developed campgrounds or along roads. Camp stoves and fire pans are encouraged for use throughout the Monument.

**FEES** are charged for camping at Calf Creek, Deer Creek, and White House campgrounds. In addition, use fees are charged in the Paria Canyon Wilderness Area.



**RECREATIONAL STOCK** is limited to 12 animals in areas where group size is limited to 12 people. All hay used on BLM lands must be certified weed-free. Horses or other pack animals are not allowed in relict plant communities, archaeological sites, rock shelters, or alcoves.

**MOUNTAIN BIKES** are allowed on all roads. No cross-country or slickrock riding is permitted in the Monument.

**GUIDED TRIPS** with professional outfitters are available within the Monument. Check our website or visitor centers for a complete list of authorized outfitters.

**COLLECTION OF OBJECTS** such as rocks, petrified wood, fossils, artifacts, and plants is prohibited without a permit. The collection of small amounts of fruits and nuts for personal use is allowed.

**CULTURAL/PALEONTOLOGICAL** sites are protected to preserve the past. Please do your part by leaving artifacts and fossils where you find them. Do not touch, draw, scratch, or paint on rock surfaces. Report vandalism to local law enforcement.

## BE SAFE

**SERVICES AND WATER** are generally not available in the Monument. Purify any water obtained from undeveloped sources. Drink at least one gallon of water per person per day, whether you are hiking or driving.

**WILDLIFE** should not be fed, handled, or harassed, for your safety and health, as well as for theirs. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources regulates hunting, fishing, and trapping on the Monument.

**WEATHER** can change suddenly in the Monument. The rainy season lasts roughly from July - September, with thunderstorms and flash floods. Summer temperatures can exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit. In winter, snow and subzero temperatures may occur.

**FLASH FLOODS** are possible any time of year. If the potential for storms is high for the region, avoid traveling in narrow canyons. Camp on high ground, away from streambeds. If you find yourself in a flood situation, climb to the highest possible point. Flood conditions usually subside in 8 to 12 hours, but it is possible to be stranded for several days.

Combine several day trip options to suit your time, travel route, and interests. Contact one of our visitor centers for more information on backpacking routes. Free overnight camping permits are required.				
Several Days:				
Escalante River Gorge	Escalante	Hike	15 one-way	Large canyon with many stream crossings
Lick Wash	Kanab/Cannonville	Hike	4 one-way	Narrow canyon
Name	Area	Type	Miles	Description

All Day:				
Peek-A-Boo and Spooky Canyons	Escalante	Hike	2-6	Slot canyons, not recommended for dogs
Lower Calf Creek Falls	Escalante	Hike	3 one-way	Self guided hike to 120-foot water fall
Name	Area	Type	Miles	Description

Half A Day:				
Crosvenor Arch	Cannonville	Walk	.25	Large unique double arch
Kodachrome Basin State Park	Cannonville	Hike	0-5	Sandstone spires and colorful rock formations
The Toadstools	Kanab/Big Water	Hike	1.5	Colorful hoodos and balanced rocks
Anasazi State Park Museum	Boulder	Museum	N/A	Interior exhibits and covered exterior archaeological site of the 800 year-old Coombs pueblo
Escalante Petrified Forest State Park	Escalante	Hike	1.5	Short trails leading to scenic views and petrified wood.
Hells Backbone Road (USFS)	Escalante/Boulder	Drive	45	Scenic views looking down from the forest into Box-Death Hollow Wilderness area.
Devil's Garden	Escalante	Walk	0-1	A land of sculptured slickrock and hoodos
Junior Scientist Program and Discovery Packs	All Visitor Centers	Kids	N/A	Kids can become a Junior Scientist by completing an activity book during their visit to the Monument. To help Junior Scientists to learn more, Discovery Packs, with tools for exploring nature, are available for loan at GSENM visitor centers.
Field Trips	All Visitor Centers	Guided	0-5	Join a ranger, scientist, or local historian for intermittently scheduled programs and learn about natural and cultural resources on Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM)
Walks and Talks Presentations and	All Visitor Centers	Guided	0-5	Join a ranger, scientist, or local historian for intermittently scheduled programs and learn about natural and cultural resources on Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM)
Name	Area	Type	Miles	Description

An Hour Or Two:

Where to go and what to do if you have...

## SCENIC DRIVES

### PAVED

**Hwy 89** stretches 72 miles between Kanab, UT and Page, AZ, offers views of the Vermilion Cliffs and Kaiparowits Plateau.

**Scenic Byway 12** is Utah's first All-American Road, winding 124 miles from Hwy 89 to Torrey, UT, through vast slickrock benches and canyons.

**Scenic Backway Johnson Canyon Road #501/Skutumpah Road #500** between Hwy 89 and Cannonville travels north 16 miles on paved and 34 miles on dirt surfaces passing through the cliffs of the Grand Staircase.

**Scenic Backway Burr Trail #100** is paved for the first 31 miles traveling east from Boulder, UT. Road turns to dirt at the Capitol Reef National Park boundary.

### DIRT OR CLAY SURFACE

(Impassable when wet)

**Scenic Backway Smoky Mountain Road #300** is 78 miles long from Big Water, UT to Escalante, UT, traveling along the Kaiparowits Plateau.

**Scenic Backway Cottonwood Road #400** meanders 46 miles between Hwy 89 and Kodachrome Basin State Park along the Cockscomb.

**Scenic Backway Hole-in-the-Rock Road #200** wanders southeast for 57 miles one way. Four-wheel drive vehicles are required for last 6 miles.



GSENM Visitor Center  
100 Upper Revolution Way  
Big Water, UT 84741  
(435) 675-3200



GSENM Visitor Center  
10 Center Street,  
Cannonville, UT 84718  
(435) 826-5640



Escalante Interagency  
Visitor Center  
755 West Main  
Escalante, UT 84726  
(435) 826-5499



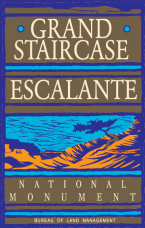
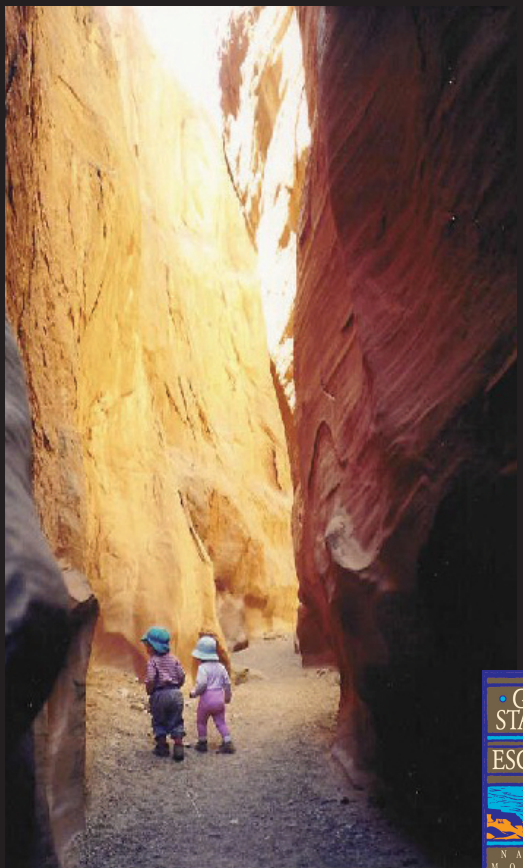
GSENM Visitor Center  
745 East Hwy 89  
Kanab, UT 84714  
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GSENM website:  
<http://www.ut.blm.gov/monument>

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## GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE

NATIONAL MONUMENT



## Visitor Information

## LEARNING FROM THE LAND



Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was established by Presidential Proclamation in 1996 when it became the Bureau of Land Management's first national monument. According to the Proclamation, "Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument's vast and austere landscape embraces a spectacular array of scientific and historic resources. This high, rugged, and remote region, where bold plateaus



and multi-hued cliffs run for distances that defy human perspective, was the last place in the continental United States to be mapped. Even today, this unspoiled natural area remains a frontier, a quality that greatly enhances the

Monument's value for scientific study...."

Spanning nearly 1.9 million acres of America's public lands, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) is a fantastic outdoor laboratory offering scientists from every walk of life extraordinary insight into what sustains, maintains, and explains our Earth...and beyond.

Scientists from around the world in many different fields of study have made great strides in understanding everything from the specialized relationship between bees and native desert plants to how the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) may detect fluids on Mars.

What scientists are learning, they are sharing. Research on GSENM has produced a wealth of

scientific publications, broadcasts, articles, symposiums, events, and programs. Expanding on these accomplishments, GSENM, along with our partners, are promoting a variety of educational and public outreach options. These include award-winning exhibits at our four visitor centers, an acclaimed lecture and field seminar program, curriculum-based environmental education programs, a Junior Scientist program, traveling science exhibits, and much more.

Besides all this, GSENM offers spectacular scenery too. Truly, GSENM provides exceptional opportunities for everyone to explore and learn from the land we share. So, indulge the scientist within you and discover GSENM for yourself.



LEGEND

Highway and Road Information

- City or Town
- US Highway
- State Highway
- Open Road (Street-legal Vehicles Only)
- Open Road (All Vehicles)
- Road Outside GSENM Boundary, Check with Local Agency For Appropriate Regulations
- Road Number, Grand Staircase-Escalante NM

Visitor Information

- Visitor Information Center
- Campground
- Day Use Area
- Point of Interest
- Vehicle Staging Area
- Trailhead
- Trail ratings and descriptions are available from a Grand Staircase-Escalante NM Visitor Center.

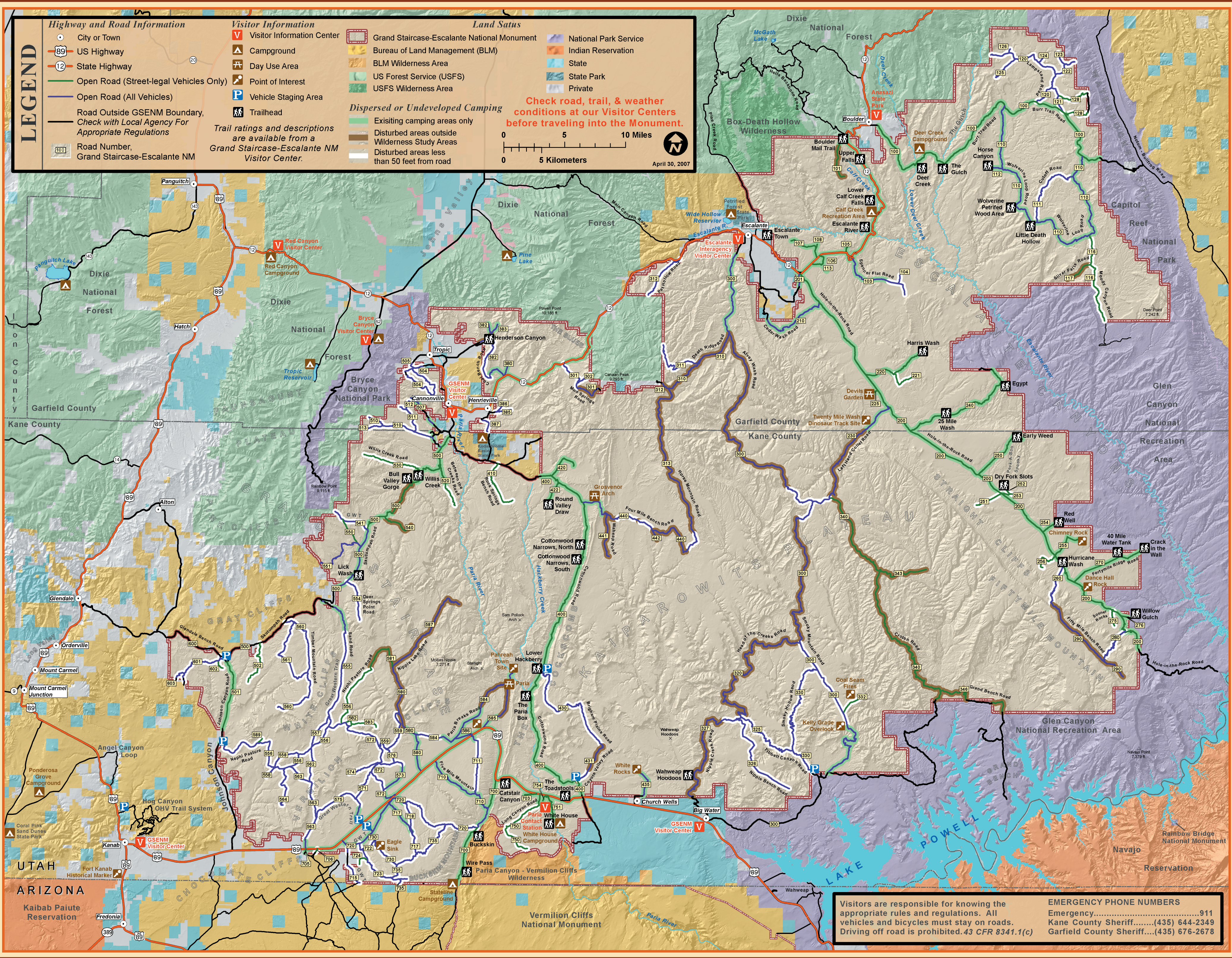
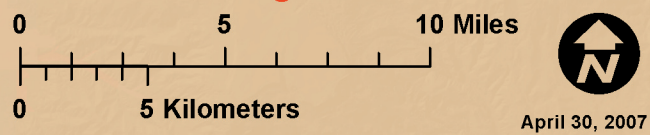
Land Status

- Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- BLM Wilderness Area
- US Forest Service (USFS)
- USFS Wilderness Area
- National Park Service
- Indian Reservation
- State
- State Park
- Private

Dispersed or Undeveloped Camping

- Existing camping areas only
- Disturbed areas outside Wilderness Study Areas
- Disturbed areas less than 50 feet from road

Check road, trail, & weather conditions at our Visitor Centers before traveling into the Monument.



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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS  
Emergency.....911  
Kane County Sheriff.....(435) 644-2349  
Garfield County Sheriff....(435) 676-2678